Latin America
in a glimpse
Amazonia
The Amazon is the largest tropical jungle in the world. It is a region with a substantial presence of indigenous communities, inhabited by 400 Indigenous peoples and nationalities. It is also a region characterized by social inequality.

This inequality is reflected in possibilities of accessing the internet. Internet access has been recognized as an enabler for the exercise of various human rights, but in the Amazonian Region there is a significant digital divide that has a huge impact on the local population. Access is very limited, expensive and of low quality.

“Latin America in a Glimpse: Amazonía” aims to better understand internet connection gaps in the region, but also the desires and the risks related to the internet, as perceived by some of the communities that inhabit it.

The goal of our project is to conduct exploratory research, according to the specificities of each country and local communities, as well as to draft proposals that consider the socio-environmental perspective and sustainable, intercultural development. Our aim is to extrapolate traditional telecommunications policies and present public policy proposals based on a holistic, situated vision.

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Derechos Digitales did a comparative analysis of the main findings in the four reports, highlighting the need to address connectivity from a significant perspective aimed at the social appropriation of technology and the exercise of the right to self-determination, the effective participation of indigenous peoples in any public policy related to connectivity, and the importance of exploring alternative internet models.

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